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6. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/716,862, filed November 20, 2000 in the name of inventors R.N. Chang et al. and entitled, "Apparatus, System, and Method for Managing Quality-of-Service-Assured E-Business Service Systems."

7. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/642,526, filed August 18, 2000 in the name of inventors J.L. Hellerstein et al. and entitled, "Electronic Service Level Agreement for Web Site and Computer Services Hosting."

Other Documents

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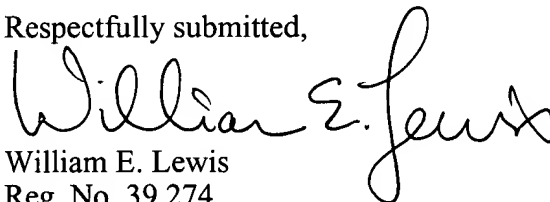
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